

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

CASE NO. 15-mc-00023-GLS-CFH

JOHN DOE,

Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor,

v.

EJERCITO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL,  
a/k/a ELN, a/k/a National Liberation Army,  
and FUERZAS ARMADAS  
REVOLUCIONARIOS DE COLOMBIA,  
a/k/a FARC, a/k/a REVOLUTIONARY  
ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA,

Defendants/Judgment Debtors, and

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,

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**EXPERT REPORT OF DR. IBRAHIM A. WARDE**

1. My name is Dr. Ibrahim A. Warde, and I was born in Lebanon in 1953. I am a citizen of the United States, where I have resided since 1979. As described in greater detail, below, I have a doctorate degree in political science and was educated in the United States, France, and Lebanon. I am currently an Adjunct Professor of International Business at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. Between 2007 and 2009, I was also a Carnegie scholar working on informal and underground finance in the Islamic world.
2. I have published numerous books and articles on terrorism, finance in the Islamic world, Middle Eastern politics, and related issues. I have written various books, including *The Price of Fear: The Truth Behind the Financial War on Terror* (2007), which has been

translated into French, Italian, Japanese, and Czech, and which was selected by *Foreign Affairs* as one of the best books of the year regarding economic, social, and environmental issues. *The Price of Fear* examined specifically the mythologies, fictions and false claims made about terrorism and its financing. I also researched the growing industry of terrorism “experts,” who often lacked the requisite cultural and linguistic training and who have been too quick to allege various unsubstantiated “links” between largely unconnected organizations.

3. My other books include *Islamic Finance in the Global Economy* (2000), now in its second edition (2010). I am also a writer for *Le Monde Diplomatique*, where my articles have been translated in 29 languages.
4. I have previously taught at the University of California, Berkeley, at MIT’s Sloan School of Management, and at other universities in the United States and abroad. I have lectured on topics related to Islam, illicit finance, and terrorism.
5. In my academic work, I have researched, studied, analyzed and written about Hezbollah, terrorist financing, and related issues. Some of my research and study has been undertaken in Lebanon, where I have interviewed members of Hezbollah and learned an extensive amount about the organization and its financing. As a result of this work, I frequently cover Hezbollah and issues relating to Hezbollah in my teaching. Most recently, in every one of the courses I have taught this year at the Fletcher School, I have covered Hezbollah. For example, in my course “The Arabs and Their Neighbors” (which I co-taught), I focused key lectures on Lebanese and Iranian politics, including the role and conduct of Hezbollah. In my course on “Islam and Politics,” I devoted a substantial amount of time to Hezbollah, the evolution of its religious beliefs, its ideology, and its

international alliances. In my course on “Islamic Banking and Finance,” I covered Hezbollah’s finances, almsgiving, charities, religious endowments and other aspects directly relevant to the Shi’a (especially the “khoms”). And in my course on “Informal and Underground Finance,” I spent a great deal of time discussing the drug trade and other criminal activities in Latin America. After many years of experience researching, studying, and analyzing terrorist organizations and terrorist financing in the Islamic world – including Hezbollah in particular – I am qualified to speak with some authority on the factual issues raised in this particular litigation.

6. I hold an M.A. and a PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, an M.B.A. from France’s Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, and a B.A. from Université Saint Joseph in Beirut, Lebanon.
7. During the previous four years, I have appeared as an expert witness once before by submitting an expert report in *Stansell v. Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia* (8:09-CV-02308-RAL-MAP) in the Middle District of Florida in 2015. That matter was dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, and I was not deposed or subjected to live examination in court.
8. I am being paid a flat fee of \$10,000 for my time and effort spent researching, reviewing, and analyzing the relevant materials, and for my time and effort spent preparing this expert report. I was not paid to have a particular view; this report reflects my independent research, review, analysis, judgment, and opinions. If there is an evidentiary hearing, I will be paid \$5,000 per day, plus expenses, for time and effort spent preparing for and testifying at trial.

**I. Materials Reviewed**

9. I have reviewed the following materials in preparing this report:

- Plaintiff's Petition for Turnover Order (Aug. 24, 2015) and Affidavit of Mr. David L. Gaddis (Aug. 7, 2015), DE 8-2, (and the nearly identical Petition for Turnover and Affidavit of Mr. David L. Gaddis filed in the Southern District of New York, *Doe v. Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional*, 1:15-cv-08652-VEC (S.D.N.Y. August 31, 2015)). **Exhibit 1.**
- *United States v. Lebanese Canadian Bank*, No. 11-cv-9186 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 26, 2012) (verified amended complaint). **Exhibit 2.**
- U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, Majority Report, *A Line in the Sand: Countering Crime, Violence and Terror at the Southwest Border* (Nov. 2012). **Exhibit 3.**
- Designations of Terrorists and Terrorist Organizations Pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, 67 Fed. Reg. 12633 (Mar 19, 2002). **Exhibit 4.**
- U.S. Department of the Treasury, Press Release, *Treasury Targets Hizballah Financial Network* (Dec. 9, 2010). **Exhibit 5.**
- *United States v. Marin et al.*, No. 04-cr-00446 (D.D.C. Mar. 1, 2006) (criminal indictment). **Exhibit 6.**
- Exec. Order No. 12947 (Jan. 25, 1995). **Exhibit 7.**
- Exec. Order No. 13224 (Sept. 23, 2001). **Exhibit 8.**
- Exec. Order No. 13581 (July 24, 2011). **Exhibit 9.**
- U.S. Department of the Treasury, Press Release, *Treasury Targets Hizballah Network in Africa* (May 27, 2009). **Exhibit 10.**
- *Stansell v. FARC*, 704 F.3d 910 (11th Cir. 2013). **Exhibit 11.**

- *Stansell v. FARC*, 771 F.3d 713 (11th Cir. 2014). **Exhibit 12.**
- *John Doe v. Ejercito De Liberacion Nacional*, 1:10-cv-21517-PCH (S.D. Fla. 2010) (Complaint). **Exhibit 13.**
- Ibrahim Warde, *The Price of Fear: The Truth Behind the Financial War on Terror* (2007).
- Various academic and policy studies dealing with Hezbollah, Iran, FARC, as well as drug trafficking, financial crime and politics in various Latin American countries

## **II. Summary**

10. I have been asked to provide my expert report, analysis, judgment, and opinion regarding an alleged relationship between Hezbollah and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). In particular, I have been asked to assess the expert opinion of David L. Gaddis, **Exhibit 1**, at Exhibit B (hereinafter “**Gaddis Affidavit**”) and to opine on whether Hezbollah can fairly be characterized as an “agency or instrumentality” of the FARC.
11. In arriving at the independent judgments and opinions expressed in this testimony, I have reviewed the relevant court filings in this case, relevant published material, including documents from other litigation, relating to Hezbollah, the FARC, international terrorism, narcotics trafficking, and other topics. I have also drawn upon my decades of scholarly research on illicit finance globally and specifically in the Islamic world and spoken with other experts on these topics. The technique I have used in writing this expert opinion is to apply my expertise in these academic fields to the question at hand and to assess the accuracy of the expert opinion submitted by the Plaintiff’s own expert in this case, Mr. David L. Gaddis. Applying a body of regional and financial expertise to a question like

this is widely accepted in scholarly inquiry and writing generally and in the fields of international relations and finance specifically. The knowledge and expertise upon which I based these opinions have been subjected to decades of peer and editor review of my articles, books, other publications, and lectures in the United States, Europe, and around the world. The methodology I have employed in this report is based upon widely-accepted standards in my fields of expertise and the broader academic, scholarly, and scientific community.

12. Based on my expert opinion and review of the relevant materials in this case, I describe below why I believe that Hezbollah, which has engaged in numerous reprehensible acts of terrorism around the world, cannot possibly be considered to be an “agency or instrumentality” of the FARC. To the contrary, Hezbollah does not take direction from, or act at the behest of, or on behalf of, the FARC but rather, at most, has indirect and tangential relations with the FARC, for example through loosely affiliated individuals or organizations that may engage in commercial, arms-length transactions with the FARC. Hezbollah has built itself up to operate with relative autonomy today, but if Hezbollah can be considered to be a true agency or instrumentality of any other entity, it would be an agency or instrumentality of the Islamic Republic of Iran, not of a comparatively minor, geographically distant, culturally dissimilar, and politically unrelated organization, such as the FARC.

### **III. Mr. Gaddis’ Affidavit Is Fundamentally Flawed, Inaccurate, and Misleading**

13. The Plaintiff relies on an affidavit from an expert named David Gaddis. **Gaddis Affidavit.** *Doe v. Ejercito de Liberacion*, 15-mc-00023-GLS (N.D.N.Y. August 24, 2015) (Petition for Turnover, Exhibit B) (DE 8-2); *Doe v. Ejercito de Liberacion*

*Nacional*, 1:15-cv-08652-VEC (S.D.N.Y. August 31, 2015) (Petition for Turnover, Exhibit B). In my expert opinion and based upon my review of all relevant materials in this case, Mr. Gaddis' affidavit is fundamentally flawed, inaccurate, and misleading regarding the alleged relationship between Hezbollah and the FARC; in particular, my expert opinion is that Mr. Gaddis' report relies heavily on unsubstantiated and conclusory assertions in the absence of reliable evidence or support, and embellishes certain reports based on unsupported speculation and assumptions. In my expert opinion, such methodology is inconsistent with an objective, expert assessment of the facts and evidence. For these reasons, I am not persuaded by Mr. Gaddis' conclusions and believe they cannot reasonably form the basis of any factual or legal findings.

14. As an initial matter, Mr. Gaddis' report relies upon a variety of conclusory, unsubstantiated statements about the links between Hezbollah and the FARC without citation, attribution, or substantiation. **Gaddis Affidavit**, paras. 12-15 ("Their ideological outlooks complement each other" and "are comrades in arms"). Such vague, unsubstantiated assertions (discussed in detail below) are likely the result of the fact that Mr. Gaddis appears to have no particular knowledge of either the Middle East or Africa, or of terrorist or Islamist movements generally, or of Hezbollah specifically.
15. As Mr. Gaddis himself admits, he has no expertise in or personal knowledge of either the Middle East or Africa. Instead, Mr. Gaddis' entire career appears to have been focused on Central and South America; to the extent he had broader responsibilities later in his career, it appears he had no geographic focus. For example, Mr. Gaddis notes his experience in Atlanta, Georgia, temporary assignments in South and Central America, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Mexico, North Carolina, Colombia, Mexico, and several posts in

Washington, D.C. focusing on Central America. **Gaddis Affidavit**, paras. 1-3. None of the expertise stated in Mr. Gaddis' affidavit or from other publicly-available sources suggests any particular expertise in Africa or the Middle East. Although Mr. Gaddis notes that he supervised and managed DEA offices "worldwide", **Gaddis Affidavit** 3, he has still failed to assert any personal knowledge or expertise in the Middle East or Africa.

16. Furthermore, Mr. Gaddis similarly lacks any personal knowledge or expertise in terrorist movements or Islamist ideologies generally, or Hezbollah specifically. Rather, Mr. Gaddis spent his career focusing on criminal enterprises related to drug-trafficking in one region of the world (South America) and has attempted to apply this expertise to political and ideological movements on which he completely lacks expertise or personal knowledge.

17. This lack of expertise or personal experience on Africa, the Middle East, Islamist movements, or Hezbollah is both notable and troubling given that Mr. Gaddis purports to testify as to events and developments that take place "in the Middle East" and "West Africa[]", **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 12-14, as well as the motivations and ideologies of Hezbollah, **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 12-13. Indeed, Mr. Gaddis himself admits that Hezbollah plays a "central" role in "the Middle East." **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 12. Thus, Mr. Gaddis does not appear to have the personal background or expertise necessary to offer opinions related to Hezbollah, its ideology, and its operations.

18. This lack of expertise on Hezbollah or Islamist movements is revealed by several of Mr. Gaddis' vague and unsubstantiated assertions. For example, Mr. Gaddis refers to Hezbollah and the FARC using vague, idiomatic terms with no clear meaning, such as "comrades in arms"; similarly, he suggests without substantiation that they are engaged



in a “massive conspiracy” to export cocaine. **Gaddis Affidavit**, 12-13. Mr. Gaddis suggests that “[i]n furtherance of their common goals, the FARC works closely with Hezbollah.” **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 13. He does not describe what these “common goals” might be, let alone substantiate such assertions with any evidence, citations, or sources. Based on my scholarly research and opinions formed by such research, these statements grossly misstate any connections or commonalities between the organizations, which, at best, are tenuous and indirect and far from the type of collaborative, conspiratorial relationship that Mr. Gaddis suggests.

19. Mr. Gaddis also makes the highly simplistic (and unfounded and errant) assertion that “[t]heir ideological outlooks complement each other. They display the same anti-Americanism.” **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 12. In fact, these two organizations do not share complementary ideologies: the FARC is considered to be a left-wing narco-trafficking organization, whereas Hezbollah displays a mix of Islamist and nationalist ideology, based on the doctrine of *Velayat el-Faqih* (rule of the jurisprudent) and compromises struck within the Lebanese political system. To the extent Hezbollah’s ideology is complementary to another ideology, it would be the Islamist revolutionary ideology within Iran, not some completely unrelated political ideology in South America. To the extent Hezbollah and the FARC share an anti-American sentiment, the same thing could be said of dozens of countries and organizations around the world. Obviously, having “anti-American” sentiments in common with another country or organization does not make one an “agent or instrumentality” of the other. For example, the fact that al Qaida or Hamas or the Islamic State all harbor anti-American sentiments does not make any of these organizations an “agency” or “instrumentality” of the FARC; nor does it mean that

any one of them is necessarily the agency or instrumentality of the others. Regardless of anti-American sentiments, the simple fact in this case is that there is little, if any, “sameness” in the motivating ideologies of the FARC and Hezbollah.

20. Moreover, it appears that Mr. Gaddis does not have any personal knowledge or expertise related to Ovlas Trading S.A., Grupo Arosfran Empreendimentos E Participacoes SARL, or their owner, Kassim Tajideen. Instead, Mr. Gaddis relies principally on statements from a complaint in an unrelated litigation (which, as noted further below, were only *allegations* at the outset of a litigation, rather than any findings of fact), **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 20, and a designation of Ovlas Trading, Grupo Arosfran, and Kassim Tajideen by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”), **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 22. Apart from the vague statement that he was “aware” of investigations, **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 23, Mr. Gaddis never suggests that he has any personal knowledge of Ovlas Trading, Grupo Arosfran, or Kassim Tajideen or their activities.

21. For example, Mr. Gaddis relies heavily on material from a complaint filed by the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York in *United States v. Lebanese Canadian Bank et al.*, 11 Civ. 9186 (S.D.N.Y.) (the “LCB Complaint”) purporting to link the FARC to Hezbollah. **Exhibit 2**, paras. 16-20. To begin with, it bears noting that the underlying assertions in the LCB Complaint are merely uncontested *allegations* at the outset of a litigation. Mr. Gaddis fails to treat them as such and instead copies and relies on them as if they are findings of fact.<sup>1</sup> In fact, this litigation never resulted in *any* findings of fact by the court and instead was settled in 2013, prior to the adjudication of any facts.

*United States v. Lebanese Canadian Bank SAL*, No. 11-Civ.-9186 (June 25, 2013)

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<sup>1</sup> There are a variety of factual misstatements in the LCB Complaint as well. For example, the LCB Complaint suggests that Hezbollah was established in 1982. **Exhibit 2**, para. 18. However, most scholars agree that Hezbollah was established in 1985.

S.D.N.Y.) (stipulation and order of settlement). Furthermore, Mr. Gaddis never suggests that he had any personal involvement with the prosecution but merely notes that he “was made aware of the source documentation” and “agree[s] with it entirely.” **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 18, fn 1. In other words, Mr. Gaddis did not draft or sign or verify the contents of the LCB Complaint.

22. In my expert opinion, sound expert analysis and opinion cannot rest solely on mere allegations in a litigation. Nor should sound expert analysis and opinion simply parrot the allegations of another; the whole point of an expert is that he or she must analyze the evidence and form his or her own expert opinion. More specifically, an expert must independently research and gather information and evidence, objectively analyze and test the information and evidence, and form one’s own judgments and opinions based thereon. Mr. Gaddis has instead relied upon the mere allegations of others.
23. He also wrongly states that certain “sworn testimony” in the LCB Complaint linked Kassim Tajideen and his companies to Hezbollah, **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 20, but this is grossly misleading. The so-called “testimony” to which Mr. Gaddis is referring was simply a line in the LCB Complaint describing public actions taken by OFAC with respect to Kassim Tajideen. **Exhibit 2**, para. 47e. Thus, contrary to Mr. Gaddis’ assertion, no sworn testimony was provided specifically regarding Kassim Tajideen. In my own research, I have found no sworn testimony or evidence of any kind—in any context—that purports to link Mr. Tajideen (or the Claimants) to Hezbollah or the FARC.
24. Moreover, the LCB Complaint does not even attempt to make any connection between Ovlav Trading or Grupo Arosfran or Kassim Tajideen and the LCB, as Mr. Gaddis

implies. In fact, the LCB Complaint *never even mentions* Ovlas Trading or Grupo Arosfran. Nor does the LCB Complaint even mention the FARC.

25. It is worth noting that Mr. Gaddis ceases quoting from the LCB Complaint exactly at a point where the LCB Complaint begins to discuss various Lebanese individuals' connections to West Africa (again, *the FARC* is not even mentioned). For example, Mr. Gaddis quotes the LCB Complaint as saying that "Narco-traffickers connected to the money laundering scheme are heavily involved in this West African narcotics trade. For example: ..." **Gaddis Affidavit**, para 18. He leaves the reader with the impression that the LCB Complaint asserts that such "narco-traffickers" refer to those of the FARC by stating that "the Verified Complaint goes on to provide examples of individuals and front companies....connect[ed] to the FARC-dominated drug trade." **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 19.
26. But the LCB Complaint says no such thing. In fact, the examples of alleged narco-traffickers that the LCB Complaint goes on to cite refer *not to the FARC* but rather to a variety of Lebanese individuals. See **Exhibit 2**, para. 43a. In my expert opinion, Mr. Gaddis' recitations of the LCB Complaint (and his suggestion that it makes any allegations regarding the FARC) are both inaccurate and misleading.
27. To summarize, Mr. Gaddis attempts to use the LCB Complaint to link Claimants Ovlas Trading and Grupo Arosfran with the FARC. But the LCB Complaint *does not even mention* Claimants Ovlas Trading or Grupo Arosfran. Nor does it even mention *the FARC*. Mr. Gaddis' mischaracterizations of the LCB Complaint are inconsistent with an objective, expert assessment based on facts, evidence, and analytical rigor. In my experience, Mr. Gaddis' testimony would not survive any serious, objective evaluation,

in part because his affidavit is rife with assertions that are unsupported by any evidence and inconsistent with the evidence presented. In my expert judgment on matters relating to Hezbollah and terrorist financing, Mr. Gaddis' assertions and conclusions are completely unreliable, apparently based on little more than a few selective quotations, unfounded assumptions, and unexplained leaps of logic.

28. In additional examples, Mr. Gaddis cites other cases of "Hizballah-related individuals for their role in the FARC-dominated drug trade" by naming various alleged Hezbollah operatives. **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 24-27. Again, however, Mr. Gaddis fails to cite any evidence or reliable source material and, in any case, makes no connection *whatsoever* between Claimants Ovlas Trading or Grupo Arosfran or Kassim Tajideen and such activities of the FARC.

29. In yet another example, Mr. Gaddis quotes a "U.S. House of Representatives Majority Report" for the proposition that a new threat stems from "growing collaborations between Iran, Venezuela, Hezbollah, and transnational criminal organizations." **Gaddis Affidavit**, para. 29. As an initial matter, the quote makes no mention of *the FARC* whatsoever. Indeed, for an apparently comprehensive Congressional Report focusing on criminal organizations and terrorism in South America, it is remarkable that the Report is *essentially silent* on the alleged relationship between Hezbollah and the FARC and focuses instead on an alleged relationship between "*Venezuela and the FARC*," which – according to the Report – "often work together in the trafficking of cocaine for mutual benefit." See **Exhibit 3**, page 12.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Only in an Appendix of miscellaneous observations and policy recommendations by individual Congressman does the document purport to link the FARC and Hezbollah. But policy advocacy by individual members of Congress cannot be taken to be findings of fact by Congress or by a Committee.

30. It also bears noting that Mr. Gaddis has apparently formulated his ultimate opinion regarding the alleged relationship between Hezbollah and the FARC (and between Kassim Tajideen and the FARC) by simply asserting it as fact. *See Gaddis Affidavit*, paras. 30-31. Mr. Gaddis does not even attempt to provide supporting analysis and evidence or to otherwise explain the basis for asserting that the court's legal standard has been met. He merely asserts the legal conclusion that the standard has been met. In my expert opinion, Mr. Gaddis has failed to identify any reliable evidence, analysis, and support for his conclusions, which simply parrot the court's definitions and standards.
31. Based on Mr. Gaddis' analysis, in other words, any commercial relationship between two entities – however distant or attenuated – would result in one entity being an “agency” or “instrumentality” of the other. Such a proposition makes no sense analytically and would result in the terms “agency” or “instrumentality” being left with little, if any, meaning.
32. In light of these and a variety of other problems with Mr. Gaddis' report, it is my expert opinion that Mr. Gaddis has failed to make a credible case for the proposition – much less establish as fact – that Hezbollah is an “agency or instrumentality” of the FARC.

**IV. In My Expert Opinion, Hezbollah Is Not An “Agency or Instrumentality” of the FARC**

33. My opinions are based on the education, experience, scholarship, teaching, materials reviewed, and methodology described above in the introductory paragraphs and in Sections I and II.
34. I have reviewed the various relevant court documents relevant to this issue, including the Motion issued by the Plaintiff in this case. I have also reviewed the other materials set forth above, *supra* at Section I, “Materials Reviewed.”

35. In my expert opinion, Hezbollah cannot be considered an “agency or instrumentality” of the FARC; to the contrary, such a relationship is inconsistent with any realistic understanding of how Hezbollah operates. While demonstrating the *absence* of such a relationship poses obvious practical and conceptual challenges, I would note as an initial matter that Mr. Gaddis’ failure to substantiate his claims that such a relationship *does* exist is itself powerful evidence that it *does not*. In the interest of completeness, however, I will nonetheless explain the reasons why Hezbollah is not an “agency or instrumentality” of the FARC under any reasonable standard.
36. For proper background, Hezbollah is a Shi’a Islamist militant group based in Lebanon and funded, supported, and trained primarily by Iran. In many ways, Hezbollah operates as a proxy for Iran, in part because Hezbollah and Iran are closely aligned religiously, ideologically, regionally, and politically; they also share common enemies and common goals. Hezbollah has a mix of Islamist and nationalist ideology, based respectively on the doctrine of *Velayat el-Faqih* (rule of the jurisprudent) and compromises struck within the Lebanese political system.
37. There are a number of small Shi’a communities in Latin American countries. Two of them have attracted some attention. One lives in the Tri-Border Area (TBA) – a relatively lawless region along the frontiers of Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay, known to be a haven for many illicit activities. Hezbollah has been said to be present in one of the world’s largest black markets in the TBA commercial district of Ciudad del Este, and to have taken advantage of the loosely regulated environment to solicit donations from Shi’a communities throughout the region. Notably, the TBA does not share a border with Colombia, where the FARC is headquartered.

38. The other controversial Shi'a community is in Buenos Aires in Argentina, where Iran has been suspected of being behind a major 1994 terrorist attack against a Jewish community center. Though some operational and other details surrounding that attack remain a mystery, some have suggested that Hezbollah operatives were involved in the attack.
39. In addition, various international authorities have said that Hezbollah has been directly and indirectly involved in drug trafficking in Latin America. While there may be contacts and opportunistic connections between Hezbollah and the FARC, these loose connections fall far short of establishing any sort of alliance between the two groups. To claim that the two work closely together or are very close, requires multiple conflations of threats and the establishment of dubious links—between the war on drugs and the war on terror, among various Middle Eastern players (Iran, Syria and Hezbollah) and various Latin American players (in Argentina, the TBA, Cuba, Venezuela and Mexico) and between the Middle East and Latin America.
40. Anyone who understands the religious, political, and ideological beliefs of Hezbollah would find it impossible to imagine an alliance or close affiliation with the FARC, let alone an agency or instrumentality relationship with the FARC. I believe that finding such a relationship requires massaging and manipulating the data in an inaccurate and misleading manner that cannot withstand serious scholarly scrutiny.
41. Hezbollah and the FARC have almost nothing in common, except for their willingness to engage in terrorism and other illicit activities. The two organizations come from completely different cultures, have completely different ideologies and religious traditions, have different political agendas and goals, speak different languages, serve different constituencies, and operate in completely different parts of the world. Against



this backdrop, it is simply not credible to suggest – as Mr. Gaddis has – that even though Hezbollah is “allied with and supported by” Iran, **Exhibit 1**, para. 12, it is also an arm of the FARC. I know of no evidence to support that theory. Nor does it matter that individuals or entities loosely affiliated with Hezbollah are alleged to have trafficked in cocaine from South America; there is no proof the source of the cocaine was the FARC or that the individuals or entities acted on behalf, at the direction, or under the control of Hezbollah. There is simply conjecture and speculation regarding these alleged affiliations.

42. As explained further below—and contrary to what is alleged—Hezbollah is not an “agency or instrumentality” of the FARC. Neither is Hezbollah one of the FARC’s individual members, divisions or networks. Moreover, it is not in my view materially assisting in, or providing financial or technological support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of the FARC. And Hezbollah is not owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, the FARC or playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking related to the FARC.

***A. Hezbollah is not one of the FARC’s individual members, divisions [or] networks.***

43. I know of no evidence that Hezbollah serves as a member or division or network of the FARC. Indeed, given Hezbollah’s status as a state-like entity – with a significant political, military, and governance role in Lebanon, it is simply not credible to assert that Hezbollah is somehow a subordinate part of the FARC in the form of a member, division, or network. As I discussed, the two organizations come from completely different cultures, have completely different ideologies and religious traditions, have different

political agendas and goals, speak different languages, serve different constituencies, and operate in completely different parts of the world. Indeed, they have almost nothing in common. Mr. Gaddis would have the court believe that Hezbollah distributes cocaine for the FARC, but he offers no concrete evidence to support that far-fetched theory. To the extent that individuals or entities loosely affiliated with Hezbollah have operated in the TBA – and perhaps even purchased cocaine there – the TBA is not in or near FARC’s operations in Colombia; moreover, the purchase of unspecified cocaine by unspecified individuals or entities loosely affiliated with Hezbollah obviously is not enough to establish any relationship between Hezbollah and the FARC, much less enough to make Hezbollah an “agency” or “instrumentality” that answers to the FARC.

44. Mr. Gaddis’ unsubstantiated allegations notwithstanding, I have seen no evidence that members of one organization have any significant interaction with members of the other organization, much less that the organizations themselves are interacting or that one is subordinate to the other. Likewise, I know of no evidence that one is a member, division, or network of the other.

***B. Hezbollah is not materially assisting in, or providing financial or technological support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of the FARC.***

45. In all the materials I reviewed in the preparation of this report – and in all the materials I have studied and analyzed for many years as an academic – I have never seen concrete, credible evidence that Hezbollah is providing material support and assistance to the FARC. Thus, in my expert opinion, I do not believe that it is credible that Hezbollah is materially assisting in or providing financial or technological support for or providing goods or services in support of the activities of the FARC.

46. As I have seen in decades of academic study, it has become all too common for people to mistake mere allegations for proven facts, or to conflate loose, indirect affiliations with alliances or partnerships. That is what plaintiff and Mr. Gaddis are doing here. Indeed, plaintiff's and Mr. Gaddis' allegations that Hezbollah is providing material assistance and support to the FARC is largely unsubstantiated and based primarily on theory and conjecture.

***C. Hezbollah is not owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, the FARC.***

47. In my expert opinion, for the same reasons, Hezbollah is not owned, controlled, directed by, acting for, or on behalf of the FARC. Hezbollah is organized and operates, and establishes and pursues its strategic interests, completely separately from the FARC, and I am aware of no evidence to the contrary. Again, it is not credible to assert that Hezbollah is somehow a subordinate part of the FARC. Mr. Gaddis' unsubstantiated allegations notwithstanding, I have seen no evidence that members of one organization have any significant interaction with members of the other organization, much less that Hezbollah is subordinate to or controlled or directed by the FARC.

48. In fact, to the extent that Hezbollah is controlled or directed by any other organization or entity, it is the Government of Iran, not the FARC, that serves as Hezbollah's primary political and financial patron. Iran clearly provides principal financial support to Hezbollah and directs many of its operations. I am aware of no example of the FARC funding or directing Hezbollah.

49. Notably, if plaintiff and Mr. Gaddis were right that Hezbollah is an "agency or instrumentality" of the FARC, by his logic that would lead to the unusual – and clearly wrong – result of also making Iran an "agency or instrumentality" of the FARC. Indeed,

Mr. Gaddis has said that Hezbollah is funded by Iran, so Iran, too, would be included within the plaintiff's definition of an "agency or instrumentality" of the FARC.

Obviously, this is just as baseless as deeming Hezbollah to be an agency or instrumentality of the FARC.

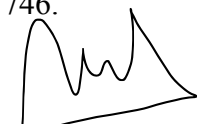
***D. Hezbollah is not playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking related to coca paste or cocaine manufactured or supplied by the FARC***

50. Finally, in my expert opinion, Hezbollah is not playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking relating to cocaine manufactured or supplied by the FARC. Even if Hezbollah were to engage in arms-length, commercial transactions with the FARC (and I know of no evidence to suggest that this is happening), I am aware of no evidence to support the conclusion that Hezbollah is "playing a significant role" in the FARC's cocaine distribution network, much less engaging in such activities for or on behalf of the FARC.

**V. Summary of Opinion**

51. For the reasons stated above, it is my expert opinion that Mr. Gaddis' affidavit is fundamentally flawed, inaccurate, and misleading. In my expert opinion, I do not believe that Hezbollah is an "agency or instrumentality" of the FARC, and nothing in Mr. Gaddis' opinion adequately supports a contrary conclusion.

I declare and state under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct 28 U.S.C. 1746.

  
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